entitled to 12% free power. The Government of H.P. is however, claiming 12% free power from September, 1982. This claim has not been found tenable.

The Government of H.P. have also requested for waiver of surcharge on the ground that there was a dispute regarding the dues payable. This issue is under consideration.

Exploitation of Hydel Potentials in Himachal Pradesh

2420. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the need for exploitation of Hydel power potentials in Himachal Pradesh, the State Government has requested the Union Government to provide additional funds under Generation Head, for on going projects amounting to Rs. 75 crores during 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the requests made in June, 1997 furnished ample justification for additional demand, as referred to in part (a) above;

(d) whether Government propose to decide these demands to enable State Government to accelerate construction work in Larji and Ghanvi Hydel projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARMANGALAM): (a) to (e) Government of Himachal Pradesh had requested for additional assistance of Rs. 50 crores for Larji Hydro-electric Project and Rs. 25 crores for Ghanvi Hydroelectric Project during annual plan 1997-98. This request was not supported by Planning Commission due to the fact that necessary provision had not been made in the Annual Plan 1997-98. However, for the Ninth Plan period (1997—2002) the Working Group has recommended Rs. 200 crores and Rs. 28 crores for Larji and Ghanvi projects respectively. The benefits from Ghanvi HEP has been considered during the Ninth Elan in the total target of 40245 MW whereas the benefits from Larji HEP has not been included.

Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 61.5 crores for the execution of Ghanvi Hydro-electric Project. PFC has also received the proposal of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board for funding Larji Hydro project.

New Energy Policy

2421. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated New Energy Policy; if so, the details thereof, including the cardinal features of the said policy;

(b) whether views of various State Governments were elicited before drawing up the aforesaid policy; if so, the what extent their view-points were accommodated therein; and

(c) whether the new policy integrates the both conventional and non-conventional energy sources within its fold?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI PR. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir. Formulation of a new. energy policy is under the consideration of the Planning Commission.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

NTPC World Bank. Conflict over Rehabilitation Programmes

2422. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation has resolved its conflict with the World Bank over the rehabilitation and resettlement programmes, at its coal-based power projects; and

(b) if so, what were the issues of conflict and how they have been resolved?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI PR. KUMARMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.